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## **REPRESENTATIVE THORPE STATEMENT OF HB2366**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Friday, January 15, 2016)** –I introduced HB2366 with the goal of reforming photo enforcement in a manner done by many states across the country. Under the bill all automated safety device tickets would be treated similar to a parking ticket, a civil violation--and because the ticket is tied to the vehicle registration and not the individual, the insurance companies would not be able to add points and raise an individual's insurance rates.

The bill also addressed privacy concerns as well as a critical child safety issue prompted by research showing that three times as many kids die from accidents getting on or off the bus than from riding as a passenger. Unfortunately, the bill has been misinterpreted—or misrepresented—in the public sphere, creating a belief that this is a massive expansion of photo radar in Arizona. While this is not a fair characterization, after discussions with my colleagues and co-sponsors of the bill, I have decided to shelve the bill.

What is ironic is that most of the co-sponsors of the bill signed on because they felt, as I do, that reforming photo enforcement was a worthwhile endeavor. While many who sponsored this bill are outright opposed to photo-enforcement in general and have sponsored legislation demonstrating that position, so long as it continues within this state we felt that this reform warranted consideration. That was the motivation behind the bill, contrary to what some are trying to suggest.

I am grateful to all the legislators involved with this bill, who came along side me in the process as we tried to work through these very real issues.

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